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Longport Town Topics

July 2003

Keeping dry on a rainy Memorial Day

The weather may have rained on their parade, but it did not stop the American Legion Post 469 - John A. Kuzmann Memorial post from holding its Memorial Day ceremony indoors. The event was moved inside Borough Hall where Commission Chambers was filled with patriotic citizens.

Commander Samuel Cianci led the ceremony, with speeches made by keynote speakers Congressman Frank LoBiondo and Senator William Gormley.

Lt. Colonel select Harry Hewson III was a scheduled guest speaker, but was called to the country of Turkey days before the event and was unable to attend.

A special presentation was made honoring former Margate City Mayor William Ross III with a key to the city.

Once the ceremony ended, many joined the American Legion upstairs in the Centennial Ballroom for hot dogs, soda, coffee and pastries.



(Photographed above) The American Legion Post 469 John A. Kuzmann Memorial held its annual Memorial Day Parade indoors. The traditional parade through town was canceled due to inclement weather. (Pictured left) A crowd filled Commission Chambers to honor our veterans. (Pictured right) The Cohen and Blum families smile for a photograph. (Below left) Comm. Fiore congratulates former Margate Mayor William Ross III. (Below Right) The Longport Police and Volunteer Fire departments present wreaths.



A cascade of silver shimmer



photo by Amy Strawder

Residents might discover a tranquil cove in the one of the pavilions located around the new water fountain behind borough hall. (Below) Another smaller fountain is located at 30th and Ventnor avenues.

A plastic future for water and sewer bills

Water and sewer utility bills will be mailed in July and arrangements are being finalized to accept Visa or Mastercard for water and sewer bills. A disclosure will be mailed to all residents along with the water/sewer bill. Please return the disclosure if you are interested in paying your water/sewer bill by credit card.



Fundraiser for thymic cancer research

The Foundation for Thymic Cancer Research will hold an Aerobic-Thon starting at 9 a.m. on July 12th at the Somers Point Fitness Center, located at New and Mays Landing roads in Somers Point. Professional trainers will conduct sessions in kickboxing, aerobics, Pilates, body sculpting, step and cardio dance. Participants will each receive a gift-bag containing a T-shirt and other items. There will also be prizes and other give-aways at the event. This is the first of the foundation's fundraisers.

Registration is \$15 in advance, and \$20 at the door. Interested persons can register online at www.thymic.org.

The foundation is tax exempt and dedicated to helping patients with thymic-related cancers.

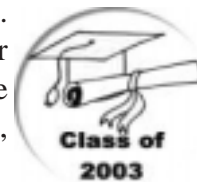
Atlantic Adult Day Health Care

The adult day care center offers a number of services including door to door transportation, hot nutritious meals and snacks, medical and nursing services, covered by Medicaid 100%, and may also be funded by private tuition, county programs or JACC. For more information on the center located at Tilton Plaza, 331 Tilton Rd., Suite 2, Northfield, NJ 08225 please call 383-3313 or visit its web site at www.atlanticadult.com.

Longport's Newest Graduates

The Mayor and Commissioners would like to congratulate the following Longport's graduates of 2003.

The Eugene A. Tighe School include: Walter Brahman, William DeJesus, Dana Lee DiPentino, Alexandra Funk, Elton Keung, Colleen O'Donnell and Michael Siligato.



Graduates of Atlantic City High School include Roxanne Campisi.

Graduates of Holy Spirit High School include Ashley Hankin.

Brian Garvin graduated from Villanova University.

State DEP projects cut for 2003/2004

The Borough of Longport has recently been informed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection that all state/municipal projects have been cut for the year 2003 and 2004. This will affect the following three projects in the borough: the rock and walkway project along the bay between 17th and 22nd avenues, the rocks at the Point, and the rocks at 29th Avenue and the ocean.

This will not affect the boardwalk right-of-way project as it is being done with municipal funds in conjunction with a county open-space grant. At this point in time, it is unknown if the dune/shore protection project will be affected.



Floods are the #1 natural disaster in this country. And they can happen anywhere.

Yet, many people don't have flood insurance. They think they're covered for flood damage under their homeowner's policy.

They aren't. And neither are you. That's why you should talk with us about National Flood Insurance. It's easy to get, backed by the Federal Government and, depending on where you live and the coverage you choose, could cost just a little more than \$100 a year.

Do it now. Because that rainy day could be a lot closer than you think.



The National Flood Insurance Program is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Swearing-in a new Captain



Capt. Vincent Pacentrilli poses for a photograph after his swearing-in ceremony April 30th. Pacentrilli began working as an officer for the borough in 1986.

Reminder from the Public Works Dept.

Yard waste and bulk items should not exceed 50 lbs. in weight. The exception is white goods such as refrigerators.

Branches and limbs must be cut and bundled and cannot exceed 4-feet long. Tree stumps should be cut in half with no dirt attached.



Honoring Old Glory



photos by Howard Blum

(Left to right) American Legion Post 469 member Ernest Corleto, Dean Kirby, legion member Jack Yust, Anna Mae Yust, Legion Finance Officer John Murphy and Commissioner Bill Fiore participate in the legion's Flag Day ceremony. During the ceremony old and worn American flags are burned that are collected throughout the year at Borough Hall. Flag burning is proper adopted means of disposing of tattered American flags. (Below) Capt. Patrick Armstrong of the Longport Volunteer Fire Department douses the flames.



Longport Directory, delivery soon

The American Legion Post 469 John A. Kuzmann Memorial is scheduled to begin delivering its new 2003 Longport Directory over the July 4th weekend. The Longport Policemen's Benevolent Association has volunteered to assist the legion in distributing the new directories in the community. This year's cover will feature the new community/lifeguard building at 33rd and Atlantic avenues.

Welcoming a new officer



Ptl. David Cincotta was sworn-in May 14th by Mayor Michael Cohen as one of the police department's newest officers. Cincotta previously worked as a telecommunicator in the department prior to becoming a patrolman. Cincotta replaces former Ptl. Michael Kornblau who took a position as an investigator with the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office.

Updated Emergency Contact Info.?

Residents that have updates to their emergency contact information should notify the Longport Police Department so that the new information can be recorded in police files.

Residents that have not provided the department with emergency contact information and are interested in doing so, may contact the department by calling 822-2141. The information is kept confidential and is used in emergency situations only.

July 4th is chock-full of events

The Fourth of July in Longport is filled with activities for all to enjoy. The fun kicks off with the Longport Police and Volunteer Fire Departments open house beginning at 9 a.m. until noon.

At noon, The American Legion Post 469 John A. Kuzmann Memorial is hoping to unveil and dedicate its new monument. The monument is in honor of all those that served and continue to serve our country.

Lace-up your running shoes because at 6:30 p.m. the fire department is holding its annual All American Mile Run. Following the run, hot dogs and soda will be served.

The day is topped off with an American Concert at the Fiore Pavilion located in the back bay park behind Borough Hall. The concert is scheduled to begin following the American Mile Run at 8 p.m. A Dixieland band will play patriotic music with Alisa Cooper.



A message from the Building Department

The Longport Building Department would like to remind all residents of the following:

1. All job sites Must Post Conspicuously at the work site a **YELLOW CONSTRUCTION PERMIT NOTICE**.
2. Fences, pools, and sheds all require Zoning Review & Surveys.
3. Land Use & Rental Applications "C O's" Please Apply prior to sale or rental.
4. **No Construction permitted on Sundays.** Saturday hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
5. Dumpster permits required. **No Dumpsters permitted in the street.**

Any questions regarding the above information please contact the Longport Building Department weekdays at 609-823-2731 Ext 109. Zoning Ext 114.

American Legion Post 469, active membership

The American Legion Post 469 John A. Kuzmann Memorial recently received the 2003 Convention Membership Award from American Legion Department of New Jersey. The award is given to legion posts that attain a membership greater than 110 percent. The plaque was presented on June 13, 2003.



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The 6th Annual Town Party is just around the corner

July 26th- The biggest event in town takes place today. The Annual Town Picnic begins at 6 p.m. behind Borough Hall. The picnic features food, fun, and entertainment for all. Tickets are currently for sale, but sell out quickly. Tickets can be purchased at Borough Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, tickets can also be purchased from a Town Party Committee Volunteer. Adult tickets are \$20 each and include a chicken and ribs dinner, tickets for children are \$7.50 each and includes a hot dog dinner. Also included in the ticket, snow cones, cotton candy, soft pretzels and soda for all. A beer truck will also be on site. There will be a string band, disc jockey, pony rides, face-painting and inflatable rides for children. Due to catering requirements, tickets must be purchased by Monday, July 21st.

Where to buy Town Party tickets

If you are not able to get to Borough Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, tickets can also be purchased from a Town Party Committee Volunteer or at the Historical Society Museum on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. The 2003 volunteers include: Ed and Linda Bakaj, Cheryl and Peg Bessey, Howard Blum, Jack and Bea Brady, Joe and Helene Cinquino, Ellen Cohen, Angel DiPentino, Michael and Mary Garvin, Jean Gibbons, Reds and Rita Iacovone, Dean and Agnes Kirby, Roy and Barb Law, Bonnie Leek, Tony and Janet Lucidi, Grace McGowan, John and Renee Murphy, John and Pat Murphy, Trish O'Connell, Joe Parisi, Marge and Bill Peterson, Barbara Petracci, Carol Rockford, Alison Subranni, Pat Ulmer, Marge Woolston, and Jack and Anna Mae Yust.

Other Upcoming July Events

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Fiore Pavilion located in the back bay park behind Borough Hall. The concert is scheduled to begin following the American Mile Run at 8 p.m.

July 11th- The 33rd Annual Longport Memorials will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the 33rd Avenue beach. The event features races among the Longport, Margate, Ventnor, Atlantic City and Brigantine beach patrols.

July 12th- The Longport Policemen's Benevolent Association is conducting a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Church of the Epiphany located at 29th and Ventnor avenues.

July 14th- The 6th Annual Longport Women's Lifeguard Invitational is sched-

uled to take place at 6:30 p.m. at the 33rd Avenue beach.

July 24th- The Longport Beach Patrol is sponsoring a Surfing Safety Clinic starting at 10:30 a.m. at the 32nd Avenue beach. Participants must bring a surf board or boogie board to the clinic.

July 27th - The Longport Historical Society is sponsoring another "Longport Community Treasure Day." Items for sale include: antiques, collectibles, jewelry, art work, garden ware, baked goods, crafts, flea market finds, white elephant tables and other treasures.

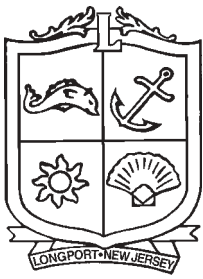
The event, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., under the

tent behind Longport Borough Hall at 2305 Atlantic Ave. Food and refreshments will be sold.

Those interested in more information may contact Lee Karlock at 822-6386 or Ellen Cohen at 822-3615.

Also, treasures may be donated to the Longport Historical Society for sale at their "yard sale table." Please contact Mary Sue Lovett at 822-3770 or Dottie McGee at 822-5222 for more information.

July 31st - The Longport Beach Patrol will sponsor a Swimming Safety Clinic at 10:30 a.m. at 33rd Avenue and the beach. Participants will learn some basic tips on swimming safely at the beach.



The Borough of Longport

Flood Protection Information

Summer - 2003

All of the Borough of Longport is located in the A-8 Base Flood Plain, which means it is at or below Elevation 10.00. Being bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on one side and Risley's Channel the bay on the other, **Longport is susceptible to flooding.** Flooding can be caused by hurricanes, tropical storms, coastal storms, commonly referred to as Northeasters, and occasional high tides with heavy rain events. Flood water can fill the streets and low lying areas from six (6) inches to (2) feet of water, depending on the elevation of the ground, such as in the March 62 storm and the December storm of 1992 where all of Longport was flooded.

Flood Maps are available for your review at the Construction Code Office located on the second floor and the Longport Branch of the Atlantic County Library, both of which are located in Borough Hall at 2305 Atlantic Avenue.

When the possibility of flooding may exist, the National Weather Service Office issues flood watches and warnings. All regional and local television and radio stations carry such warnings. This information is also transmitted on the NOAA Radio Station, 162.400 MHZ.

The Borough Office of Emergency Management (822-2141) also receives weather information through the New Jersey State Police NCIC/SCIC computer Teletype System, the Atlantic County Office of Emergency Management and through in-house DTN Satellite weather system. The warning system includes voice-over announcements on all cable television channels on Comcast Cable Television System. Downbeach Channel 2 on Comcast Cable now includes emergency information provided by the Office of Emergency Management.

PROTECTIVE MEASURES YOU CAN TAKE

Homeowners Insurance does not cover damage due to floods. Flood Insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program reimburses you for flood damages to your property. With one annual premium, you can protect your most important investment - your home and your contents. Check with your Insurance Agent or Company on the low-cost preferred risk policy and other flood insurance protection for your home.

There are several other ways to protect your home from flood damage. They range from raising the level of the ground around the property, waterproofing the building's walls and doors, installation of flood gates, or actually raising the first floor of the dwelling above the flood plain elevation. The Library has several books on these subjects that you can borrow to investigate what is best for you. The Borough Building Department (822-0569 ext. 114) by appointment will come out and visit your property and provide suggestions. The Building Department also contains a list of private contractors with knowledge in protective measures.

Homeowners should consider protection for windows and doors with hard sheeting or shutters. The smallest pieces of wind driven, as well as, wave driven debris can become deadly projectiles during storms and hurricanes. BBQ's, lawn, deck and pool furniture should be stored inside or tied down to permanent construction to prevent damage as a result of wind and wave action.

Additional information can be obtained by visiting the Internet sites www.flood.org and/or www.fema.gov.

Remember, before doing any construction, additions or alterations to your home, check with the Building Department (823-2731 ext. 114) for permit requirements. **If you see any construction, additions or alterations to a home without a Building Permit Yellow Placard displayed in their front window, report it to the Building Department.**

The storm drainage system will not function under high tide situations. As the tides recede, the storm drain system will begin functioning and remove the waters. The Borough of Longport Public Works Department has a Storm Drainage maintenance program. Twice a year the inlets and basins are inspected and cleaned. Borough Ordinance prohibits the throwing, dumping or discharge of debris and/or litter into the storm drains and gutters. Grass clippings, leaves and small tree or shrub branches can accumulate and clog the storm drains. Help maintain the water quality, because our storm drain system empties into the ocean and bay. Anything placed within the storm drain system will cause a danger to fish, wildlife and the natural habitat. If you see anyone dump, discharge or throw debris into the storm drain system, immediately contact the Longport Police Department at 822-2141. If you see a clogged storm drain, contact the Longport Public Works Department at 822-5759.

PERSONAL PROTECTION

DO NOT walk or drive through flood waters! Manhole covers may have become dislodged, or there may be submerged debris which can cause you serious injury and damage, or your vehicles could stall and you could become trapped.

STAY AWAY from downed wires, while it is true they may only be cable or telephone wires they may also be LIVE ELECTRIC WIRES. UNDER SEVERE FLOOD CONDITIONS, if you leave your home, turn off the electric at the main breaker and the gas. LISTEN closely to the radio and television for information and instructions from your local Emergency Management Office.